## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

| In re Application of:       | )                           |      |
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|                             | : Examiner: Carramah J. Qui | iett |
| ГОRU KOIZUMI, ET AL.        | ) : Group Art Unit: 2622    |      |
| Application No.: 09/929,037 | )                           |      |
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| For: IMAGE PICKUP APPARATUS | :<br>April 24, 2007         |      |

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA. 2231301450

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 24, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows, prior to the further examination of the claims pursuant to the Request for Continued Examination filed herewith.